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Bee swarm relocated from First United Methodist Church

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

"They can't prove it was from our hive," said Belleville Area District Library Director Mary Jo Suchy with a smile when she told the library board of the swarm of bees that had to be relocated from the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street from the library.

At the library board meeting on July 11, she reported that two weeks earlier the library was informed that a swarm of bees had formed in the tree by the Methodist Church, presumably from the hives on the library roof.

Director Suchy said Bees in the D reached out to an associate in Monroe County who came out within an hour to collect and re-home the bees.

"I learned that it is a sign of a healthy hive when they split off like this," Suchy said. "I also learned that bees in a swarm have recently eaten and are pretty docile. Swarms generally dissipate on their own after one or two days, if they are not re-homed."

The library has hives of honey bees on its roof. The bees were put in place and managed by Bees in the D.

In other business at the 40-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard Suchy report that the building committee has been considering options and O'Neal Construction is preparing a mock-up showing the addition of two horizontal bars to the top of the porch railing on the second floor. The rods could be fabricated and added by either the

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Man found dead in house fire on Alden Road in Van Buren Twp.

Roy Lawrence Bodenmiller, 74, was found dead in the bathroom of his home after it burned at 40191 Alden Rd. in Van Buren Township on Wednesday, July 12.

VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally said the department was called out at 4:30 p.m. and the house was fully involved when they arrived.

George, the brother of the deceased, was outside of the home when fire fighters arrived. He was transported to the University of Michigan Burn Unit.

Chief McNally said the fire started in the screened-in porch area and possibly was smoking-related. He said the two brothers were known to sit on the porch and smoke together.

He said they called in the Michigan State Police arson-detecting dog and no accelerants were detected.

Fire fighters were on the scene until 12:30 a.m., July 13, when the Wayne County Medical Examiner picked up the remains.

Assisting Van Buren Township were fire fighters from Belleville, Canton Township, Romulus, and Metro Airport.



**The Belleville Area Museum
 has been closed by
 Van Buren Township for
 1,235 days as of today.
 Set for reopening in Dec.**

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From left are Rickiya Stephenson, who attends McBride Middle School, Ry'Leigh Stephenson who attends Edgemont Elementary, Je'yda Brown who is home schooled, and Ry'Ann Stephenson who attends Owen Intermediate School.

Four Belleville students heading for Junior Olympics in Iowa

Four Belleville family members are heading to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 28, to take part in the 2023 AAU Junior Olympics Games.

The girls are Rickiya Stephenson, 12, who attends McBride Middle School; Ry'Ann Stephenson, 10, who attends Owen Intermediate School; and Ry'Leigh Stephenson, 8, who attends Edgemont Elementary. The sisters all live in the city of Belleville. Also qualifying for the Junior Olympics is their aunt Jeyda Brown, 15, of Sumpter Township, who is home-schooled.

The girls have worked hard to place in the top six in the state of Michigan's Regionals for Youth Track and Field, said Nicole McGuire, who is the mother of the three sisters and sister to Jeyda Brown.

Jeyda's mother is Connie Brown.

They have qualified in long jump, javelin, 200m, 400m, 400m relay and 200m.

McGuire said they are hoping the community will help raise money for them to attend this event using gofundme <https://gofundme/2c803136>.

The goal is \$5,000. They plan to leave Belleville on July 28. The competition runs July 29 through Aug. 5.

The family will need to stay the whole week to participate in the Olympics. McGuire said this is a big achievement and they had to qualify in the top six in their age brackets to even be considered.

"We need your help to get there, as hotel is going to be around \$2,500 for a whole week," she said. "Then they have to get there and back and we have to feed them for the week."

The four girls run track for the Ann Arbor Youth Track Club, since Belleville does not offer a track club other than at school at McBride and BHS, McGuire said.

McGuire said her daughter will be selling candy, juice boxes, hot dogs, chips, Kool-Aid and bottled water on July 22 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 172 Belle Villa Blvd. with hopes of raising money to attend the Junior Olympics in Iowa.



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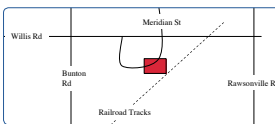
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Court Watching

Exam set July 24 for Texas man accused in VBT murder

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A live preliminary exam with three witnesses has been set for 11 a.m., Monday, July 24, at 34th District Court in first-degree murder and felony firearm charges against a long-distance truck driver from Texas.

In a special hearing on July 10, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Elsey presented a motion to change the defendant's bond from the original \$200,000 cash or surety to remand, which means remaining in jail with no bond at all. Elsey told Judge Tina Brooks Green

that the case appears to be a stranger who killed a stranger and actions to cover up the homicide. He said there is compelling evidence that defendant Mark Anthony Shaw is responsible. The evidence is circumstantial, he said.



Mark Shaw

He said the accused is domiciled in Texas and has no ties to Michigan. He was passing through as a truck driver. He has ties outside of the country. He said Shaw is a danger to the people of the state and he has no incentive to come back to court if he bonds out.

Elsey asked for the bond to be changed to remand.

Shaw's defense attorney Christopher Quinn told Judge Green he thought the \$200,000 cash or surety bond was sufficient.

Judge Green said the arraigning judge had no information on the case when he set the bond. She canceled the \$200,000 bond and remanded the defendant to remain in custody.

At Shaw's July 12 probable cause conference, which Shaw attended from his cell by zoom from the Wayne County Jail, Elsey said there will be three witnesses at the preliminary exam and one is being flown in.

In the press release issued by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office on July 3 announcing the warrant for Shaw's arrest, Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she has charged Mark Anthony Shaw, 39, of Missouri City, Texas, in connection with the fatal shooting of Stafford Segree, 47, of Van Nuys, California. Both the defendant and the victim were long-distance truck drivers. They did not know each other prior to the incident, the news release said.

On June 29, at about 12:52 p.m., Van Buren Township police officers were dispatched to an alley in the 10900 block of Belleville Road for a reported unresponsive

male, according to the news release.

Upon their arrival, officers located the victim inside of his semi-truck, deceased, suffering from a gunshot wound to the face.

It is alleged that on June 28, at about 10:20 p.m., a verbal altercation between the defendant and the victim escalated, and defendant Shaw produced and fired a handgun, fatally wounding Segree, before fleeing the scene.

Investigation by the Van Buren Township Police Department led to the arrest of the defendant on June 29.

He was arraigned July 3 in 34th District Court before Judge Brian Oakley and given a \$200,000 cash/surety bond.

David Armando Palacios-Sanchez

David Armando Palacios-Sanchez, 44, of Detroit was present for his probable cause conference on June 28 from the Wayne County Jail where he is being held on \$500,000 cash bond.

His live preliminary exam was set for Aug. 9 before Judge Oakley. He is charged with five counts concerning the deaths of two women in a hit and run on May 28 in Sumpter Township. Judge Oakley denied reduction of bond.

Samantha Ann Lawson

Samantha Ann Lawson of Taylor was present for her calendar conference on June 27 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. Her final conference was set for Aug. 11.

She was charged with assault with intent to murder, discharging a weapon in or at a building, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and three counts of felony firearm on April 19 in Van Buren Township.

34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley dismissed the assault with intent to murder charge and one of the felony firearm charges at the May 24 preliminary exam.

Her bond had been set at \$75,000 cash, but at circuit court on May 31 it was reduced to personal recognizance bond.

She is accused of shooting into an occupied residence at Parkwood Apartments.

District Library

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original company or a local fabricator. An option is an entirely new unit to replace what is there. There are no costs yet and more information is forthcoming;

- Learned Matt Ratzow and Dean Kokkales from O'Neal Construction met with Acting City Manager Steve Jones and City Building Official Rick Rutherford regarding the Roys Street sidewalk project. O'Neal said it would be willing to assist with further plumbing troubleshooting inside the church. Rutherford said the city would not stand in the way of the sidewalk being poured. No representative of Grace Baptist Church attended the meeting and proposed new tests using lots more dye is contingent on the church's interest;
- Learned O'Neal is also pursuing a repair to one of the flagpole lights. Suchy said one of the library's rooftop HVAC units has been shutting down about once a day and must be manually reset in order to operate. Long Mechanical has been contacted to look into this;
- Heard Julie Kissel announce the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary on Friday, July 28, from noon to 6 p.m. at LifePointe Church on Hull Road, near Sumpter Road. Kona Ice will be there along with a jump house, dunk tank, music, and food;
- Heard board member John Juriga say he always drives around the library on his way home from the Romulus Recreation Center each morning. He said on his drive on the Fourth of July, he saw that kids had taken the barriers down from the sidewalk project and put them across Roys Street. He said drivers were turning around because they thought the street was closed. Juriga said he called the police and they removed the barriers from the street;
- Heard Suchy report that the Summer Reading Programs have begun with a bang. She said happy children are attending the programs, getting reading prizes, and leaving with armloads of books. She reported that the library's Lakefest tent was a success. More than 100 people visited the tent and staff was able to issue more than

10 library cards;

- Learned newly hired clerk Lisa Meadows has joined the library's circulation services team. She came to Belleville after working at the Detroit Public Library for many years. Shelves Cecilia Powers is training to become a circulation clerk and Kennedy Plummer is home from college for the summer and returns to shelving. They also welcomed newly hired shelver Micaya Cannon;
- Reviewed a report on the fiscal year which ended June 30, that showed the numbers were up in every category for use of the library from the 2021-22 to the 2022-23 years at the main location. The numbers for use of the Sumpter Media Center are doing much better now and have been slowly growing since 2020 when it opened. Board chairperson Sharon Peters asked Suchy to make sure Sumpter Township gets a copy of the Media Center report;
- Was advised art committee chairperson Michele Montour hung the loaned artworks in the Quiet Study Room on the second floor. Also, several pieces of art displayed by Ed Good in the library have been sold;
- Heard Juriga report that Music in the Park is on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. He said the first weekly concert had to move to the Methodist Church because of rain. The second concert was moved indoors because of air quality. But the third concert, the previous week, brought 500 people. Juriga said he bought a case of chalk for the children to use during the concerts to draw on High Street. He said the library could supply chalk to children during Farmer's Markets and the Main Street Car Shows so they could draw on the bollards at the front of the library. He said the rain would just wash it off;
- Was advised that Comic Book workshops will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on July 24 and July 31 to get ready for the Aug. 5 Comic Fest at the library; and
- Learned three board members would not be present for the Aug. 8 regular meeting. It will not be a problem, if all four of the other members can attend, but if not they will have to call off the meeting for lack of a quorum. They haven't called off a board meeting since the beginning of the pandemic, Suchy said.

VBPS School Board approves five-year plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Dr. Rod Green, consultant from the Michigan Association of School Boards, was present at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education to close up the work on the district's five-year strategic plan.

Dr. Green said they have been working on this for six months, since the Jan. 17 meeting when he came to outline the

process.

He showed all the different aspects of the plan and reminded them of the Saturday meeting on April 15 when almost 40 people attended to work on it. Before that they got 933 responses on what was needed from teachers, students, senior citizens, and others.

Dr. Green said all the things he presented were part of the plan, and School Supt.

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

BHS football practice to start at stroke of midnight

Under regulations for high school football in Michigan, athletes are not allowed to start practicing for the fall season until Aug. 7.

At the final stroke of midnight on Aug. 7, the Belleville High School football team, with a new coaching staff, will be on the football field with the lights on and begin practicing for what they hope will be another state title. They plan to practice until 6 a.m.

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the coaches plan to make this a special year for the athletes and this midnight move is the first step.

Supt. Kudlak said he told them they had to remember that the football field is right next to a neighborhood and they need to be respectful of the neighbors. He said he told them there must be no whistles, no loud music, no loud cars. He said he was assured they would follow those rules.

The coaches plan to bring the players together with special treats on that first night to have fun and form the team into winners with new leadership.

Meanwhile, the booster club, made up of enthusiastic parents, is planning a car wash at 1 p.m. this Saturday outside Loranger Chiropractic Clinic at Five Points in Belleville to raise money to feed the boys before practices.

They are always hungry before practice, the boosters say.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We are happy to report that our office manager Janet Millard is back to work after health issues kept her away for several weeks.

Jim Wigginton of Van Buren Township, our local resident who has skydiving records and takes part in projects to earn scholarship funds for a worthy cause, tells us the latest expedition he will be taking part in is Drake's Fury.

Six former special operations soldiers will be rowing. Jim said he will not be rowing.

Drake's Passage is called the "Impossible Row" and the most dangerous passage in the world. It's between South America and Antarctica and they will be rowing, with no help from motors. The entry on YouTube to promote the event said 20,000 sailors and 800 ships have been lost in this passage over the years.

The passage is named after the 16th-century English explorer and privateer Sir Francis Drake who got through the passage with his ship, The Golden Hind, losing one ship with another ship abandoning the attempt. He proved there was water below South America, where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans meet.

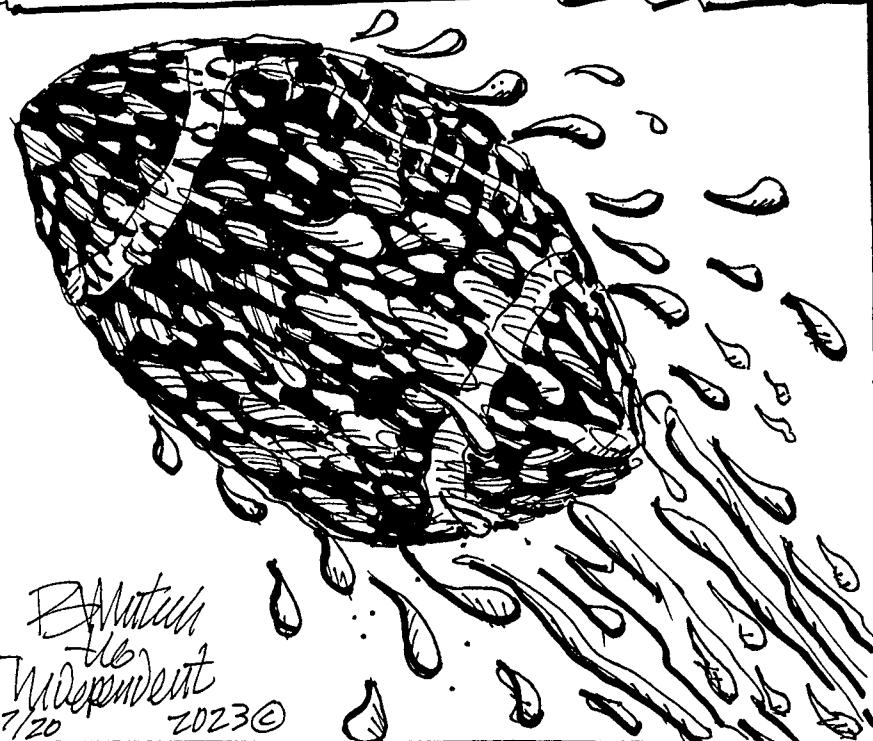
Legacy Expeditions is attempting to break the world record for the row and raise \$7 million for Folds of Honor to provide educational opportunities for the children of the military and first responders.

This project follows the success of the Triple 7 expedition for the Legacy Expeditions group in January that Wigginton also took part in.

Those interested in seeing the finalists for the position of Belleville City Manager

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

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could find Saturday morning's special city council meeting interesting.

The finalists, so far, for city manager will get their second interviews between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon in the council chambers at city hall. The meeting could be shorter – or longer.

Since their first interviews, the candidates have been given questionnaires to fill out. It's possible some candidates may have dropped out because they already got jobs elsewhere.

The city council would like to have someone on board as soon as possible so it can have the new city manager work at getting the new police chief hired.

You'll recall, the city manager/police chief was most recently filled by one person, who has since gone on to become city manager of the city of Monroe.

Cornell Anton, who fell entering last year's Belleville High School All Class Reunion, said he has been going back and forth to doctors and hospitals over the past year and they finally found he was retaining water on his heart and lungs. That's what led to his reduced energy and limited endurance. He feels like he's 91 years old, which he is.

He said he had to cut back on working with the VFW Honor Guard, but still will do things in the background. He's also thinking about writing some letters to the editor.

Besides being a veteran who grew up on Fret Road in Van Buren Township and graduated from BHS, he also served as a schoolteacher

in California. After retirement, he returned to this area and bought a home in the city of Belleville. He's been very active in the city and the local VFW.

For several years, he has researched the biography of one or more of the members of the military whose names are engraved on the Veterans' Memorial on High Street. In the past, on Memorial Day, he and Tom Fielder would read the backgrounds of those local boys who lost their lives in the service to our country.

School board president Amy Pearce told the board on Monday that her refrigerator failed at home and it will take eight weeks to get a replacement. She said that was two months in the summer without refrigeration. She was smiling, so we're sure she has a plan.

School board secretary Darlene Gerick said she would not be at the next school board meeting because she was going to Puerto Rico with the Girl Scout troop that has had that trip as its goal in selling cookies over the years.

The three girls have been in Girl Scouts since Kindergarten, she said, and now they have graduated from high school and the troop is disbanding.

After its trip, of course.



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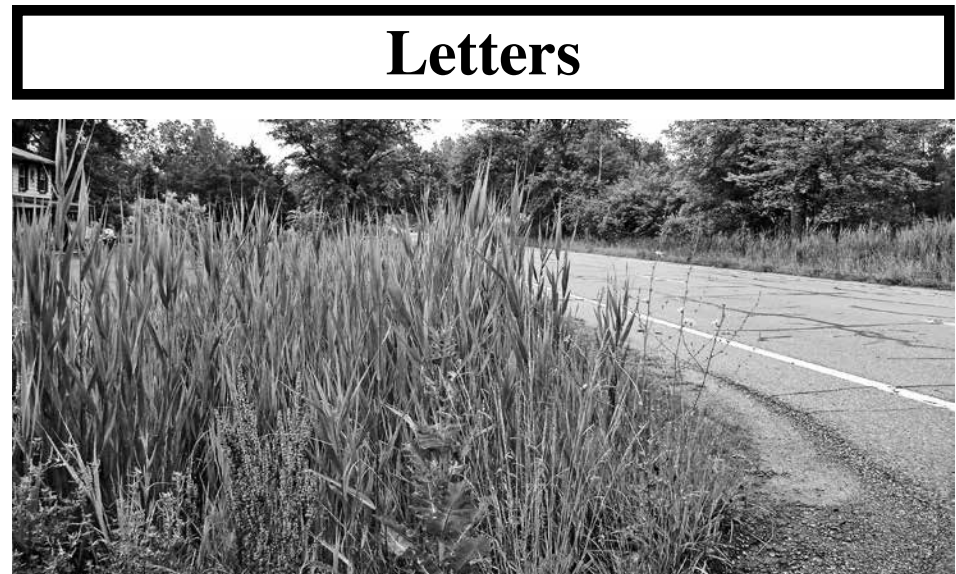
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Letter to Al Haidous about our intersections

To the editor:

This is a letter to Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, (313) 224-0944.

Dear Mr. Haidous,

On June 26 at 11:10 a.m. I called your office and spoke for 3½ minutes regarding a dangerous intersection in Sumpter township, where vehicles traveling northbound on the paved Sumpter Road could not be seen (safely) by vehicles entering the intersection from east- and westbound Arkona Road. (Pictures attached.)

While there was no guarantee that an accident would occur there due to the circumstances, the probability of an accident resulting in vehicle damage, injury, or death was greatly enhanced. Odds, evidently, that Wayne County Department of Public Service is content with. I, however, decided (once again) to lessen those odds, and make the intersection safe. It took me 35 minutes with hand tools.

I previously spoke to you regarding a simple change in policy which would greatly ensure the safety of the residents in Sumpter Township, and, if extended, most or all of Wayne County. I have noticed, over the past several years, that the Forestry Department sends its equipment out to the township to work certain areas, while following prescribed roads. Although some stretches of these roads are made safer for residents living there, much of the work done (except at intersections) is merely cosmetic.

The most dangerous areas to the public on county roads are at the intersections! This is not only held up by statistics, but by common sense for anyone looking at the problem objectively. Intersections are where vehicles converge and make turns. Some are four-way stops, some are two-way stops, and all are dangerous if the intersection itself, or warning signs such as "STOP" and "STOP AHEAD" are obscured by foliage. Intersections are where accidents and injuries occur.

Sumpter Township is basically six miles north and south and six miles east and west. The east side of the township consists of three roads north and south: Martinsville, Haggerty, and Clark. There is also a very short stretch of Carleton West Road. I recently drove the entire

length of Martinsville Road, which is mostly dirt, while driving at a speed of 15 to 22 miles per hour, and, at places 5 mph (due to the potholes), and at 35 mph at the paved section between Judd Road and Harris. It took me 23 minutes. If the Forestry department vehicles drove that road with the sole intent of taking care of the intersections **only**, that road, as well as the entire east side, could be done in less than one day by one driver with one piece of equipment. Keep in mind also that some complete intersections, and some parts thereof, are kept maintained by adjacent residents, lessening the workload of the county.

This plan, if strategically scheduled, probably four times a year, would be a practical and simple way to help ensure the safety of the residents, which should be the **primary** objective of the county.

Many residents whom I have talked to are upset and angry at the lack of services provided by the county and township. Unfortunately, many have given up, after years and years of empty promises, and after years and years of paying taxes.

When trying to deal with bureaucrats in the government, I, and others, have found that the default position is to cover their own backsides, and pass the problem along to another department, or shuffle it off to endless committee hearings, until it is forgotten. Many government employees are dismissive, or simply do not respond to phone calls or other forms of communication. Sumpter Township trustees have shown that they are more interested in self-promotion than problem-solving.

Although it is not in your job description, when a resident is ignored, insulted, or lied to, there is a belief that the commissioner ultimately will look out for his or her interests, above the interests of the employees and politicians in government. You have shown, in the past, to represent that belief. I hope I will receive some response regarding this letter.

I am including a couple of other photos which show some of the areas where two of the Forestry employees were working their separate vehicles, on the west side of the township on Wear Road, and eastward on similar roads, from 9 a.m. until 1:25 p.m., while, during part of that time, I was clearing a dangerous intersection.

Thank you for your time.
Randall Miller
Sumpter Township

More Letters

It's a crappy school with crappy supt., school brd.

To the editor:

You are cracking me up! I saw the criticism of the schools for being below average. You just noticed? My child went to Haggerty School. My child was part of the actual cheating stuff that DID happen. His teacher told him not to worry about it.

You all wanted to get rid of everyone who tried to expose this crap and are still critical. And yet they cheated! Now that my child has graduated, I can admit this! I was for him as he went through school that there would be recriminations. You and the others so against finding the truth made parents who know it was true afraid to stand up.

I moved my daughter to Keystone and I am so glad to be away from the nonsense at VB. Open thine eyes, my dear. It's a crappy school with a crappy superintendent and a crappy school board and with a union that only cares for members and not students. Good, Lord.

My daughter is getting a much better education at Keystone by teachers who do

not cheat and with real learning. Not fake promises about what they are going to do and then they never do it.

My son struggles in math and reading. He is taking extra courses at Washtenaw to learn stuff he should have learned at Haggerty. And Van Buren passed him through and told us he was doing fine. It was and is total b--- s---.

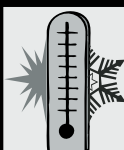
Disgusted and P----d

Editor's Note: In the Feb. 11, 2016 issue of the *Independent*, we covered at length the comments by School Board member Sherry Frazier [who now is a Van Buren Township trustee] who said the board did get a letter from the state about cheating at Haggerty Elementary just like they did about two years later about Savage, but nobody in the public knew about the Haggerty cheating because the superintendent didn't publicize it. Frazier said Supt. Van Tassel said that was because

they were going to close Haggerty school. Frazier said she asked Van Tassel why he didn't talk about Haggerty cheating and put it out in public but walked teachers out in front of their students at Savage. She reports, Van Tassel replied, "I had to. Legal counsel advised me to. You want me to go against legal advice?" Frazier said she'd like to see some common sense used.

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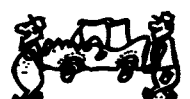
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Obituaries



Roy Lawrence "Larry"
Bodenmiller

ROY 'LARRY' BODENMILLER

(April 9, 1949 – July 12, 2023)

Roy Lawrence Bodenmiller, age 74, was called home to the Lord on July 12, 2023. His passing was preceded by that of his parents Roy John Bodenmiller and Nina (Kolesnikoff) Bodenmiller and sisters Mary Bell and Carol Bodenmiller.

Larry was born on April 9, 1949. One of seven children, Larry learned to be generous and giving from a young age. He graduated from Belleville High School and furthered his education at Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University. Larry worked for Ford Motor Company and performed many jobs there. His real talent, however, was in his creativity. He wrote his own plays and comedy skits and shared his thoughts in the company newsletter; he also developed skits that he put together for safety demonstrations at his workplace. Larry loved to act and was a part of the Dundee Community Players for several years.

Above all, Larry was a faithful man. He lived his life in the teachings of Christ and was a devout Catholic. He attended services at St. Aloysius in Romulus and could often be found with a rosary in his hands. If Larry had a hard time sleeping, he would pick up his Bible and find peace between the pages. Kindhearted, loving, witty with a terrific sense of humor, Larry will be deeply missed.

To cherish his memory Larry leaves behind his siblings: Joanne Magda, Jeanne Bodenmiller, George Bodenmiller, and Charlie Bodenmiller. Life partner Caroline Shoults, nephews and nieces Mark and Shannel Barnett, Josh Magda & Julie Smythe also, Russell Burnett as well as many great nephews and nieces.

Friends and Family may gather at Crane Funeral Home at 36885 Goddard Rd. Romulus, MI on Friday, July 21st for visitation 2 – 8 pm with a Rosary service at 6 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will take place on Saturday, July 22, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 1128 Ozga Rd., Romulus, MI, at 11 a.m. with Father Bryan Shackett as celebrant. Interment at Romulus Memorial Cemetery immediately following the service. A luncheon will be held at the church afterwards to celebrate his life.



RICHARD CHARLES COLEMAN

(October 4, 1947 – July 15, 2023)

Age 75, resident of Belleville. Survived by children Michael and Sandra; brothers William and James; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation July 20 and funeral July 21 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Stanley Joseph
Danowski

STANLEY JOSEPH DANOWSKI

(May 8, 1939 – July 14, 2023)

Stanley Joseph Danowski, age 84, resident of Belleville for many years, passed away on July 14, 2023 at Sunrise Senior Living in Northville. He was born on May 8, 1939 in Dearborn, MI to Walter Danowski and Clara (Wichowski) Danowski.

He graduated from Fordson High School and went on to pursue an electrical apprenticeship. Stanley worked for the Ford Rouge Plant for 38 years as an industrial electrician. A resident of Belleville since 1973, he faithfully attended St. Anthony Catholic Church for many years. Stanley enjoyed shopping at Meijer, and he knew many of their employees and loved to talk to them on each shopping trip. He was a "fix-it-man" and could repair almost anything. He also enjoyed photography. Those who knew him complimented him on his loving and patient nature.

Stanley is survived by his companion of many years, Janet Rochowiak of Belleville, MI; his children Christene (Richard) Stone of Murrells Inlet, SC and Gerald (Sherry) Danowski of Willis, MI; his grandchildren Anthony Jerald Danowski of Portland OR, Dakota Jean Danowski of Willis, MI, Kerry Stone of Charleston, SC, and Roland (Jenny) Stone of Charleston, SC; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse of many years, Jean Danowski (1993), and his brother Robert Danowski (2012).

Visitation for Stanley was on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 3-8 PM with a 7 PM Rosary at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. His funeral was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville on Tuesday, July 18, with visitation at 10 AM and Mass at 11 AM. Father Bryan Shackett officiated. Donations to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in memory of Stanley would be appreciated.

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Upcoming Meetings

• Saturday, July 22 – Belleville City Council special meeting from 8 a.m. to noon to re-interview finalists for city manager position. Open to the public.

• Monday, July 24 -- Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 25 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 31 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, if needed, 7 p.m., Administration Building

• Tuesday, Aug. 1 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 8 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries



Joseph Jesse Ball, II

JOSEPH JESSE BALL, II

(January 16, 1950 – July 7, 2023)

Joseph Jesse Ball, II, age, 73, resident of Belleville for many years, passed away on July 7, 2023, at Mission Pointe nursing center under hospice care. He was born on January 16, 1950, in Trenton, Michigan to Joseph Jesse Ball and Clara (Elkins) Ball.

Joseph graduated from high school and proudly served our country in the Army. He worked for Rainbow Rehab as a maintenance supervisor for many years. He was very helpful to others and enjoyed being helpful. Joseph enjoyed construction projects on the side, again helping others. He also enjoyed gardening in his spare time. Most of all he loved his family.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl Ball of Belleville, MI, together for 33 years and married for a decade of that time. His son Joseph Ball, III (Jody Ball) of Canton, MI; his daughter Catherine Johnson of Romulus, MI; his grandchildren Jacob Ball, Sheyanne Ball, Madison Ball, and Matthew Johnson; his brother Fred (Bonita) Ball of Cumberland, TN; as well as many special friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his parents.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI.

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Editor's Note: Rawsonville Road has been closed to through traffic for several weeks as Washtenaw County works to upgrade the drainage ditches.

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	Goat show 6pm	Dairy show 5pm	Crazy Craig Juggling Show 1pm & 4pm	Food Trucks 11am-10pm	Local Heroes Band 7pm
	Wayne County's Got Talent Show 7:30pm	Beef show 6pm	Carnival 2pm	Carnival 11am-10pm	Mid Michigan Mini Tractor Pull 7:30pm
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Pastor Seth is 43 years old and has spent nearly 12 years at Magnolia's First Baptist Church, a very large Church in Magnolia, TX. During his time at MIBC he fulfilled many roles including Children's Minister, Online Pastor, and Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Operations.

He and his wife Rainey have five children: Paige, 20; Izabela, 18; Jackson, 18; Leticia, 12; and Zoe, 7.

"As the world changes, the importance of maintaining a focus on the unchangeable Word of God is at the forefront," said Pastor Seth. "Over the last couple of years, God has moved my heart to challenge myself and others to know the Word more intimately.

"Growing in understanding of God as revealed by his word is the only way to combat all the trials the evil one and the world continues to throw at us."

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Pastor Seth Westmoreland

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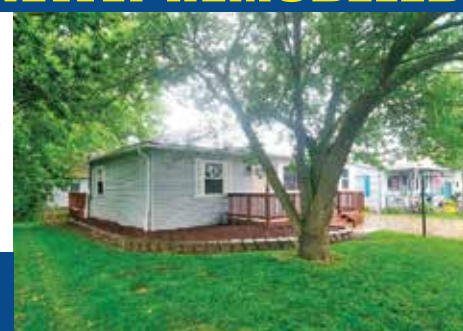
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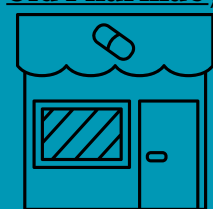


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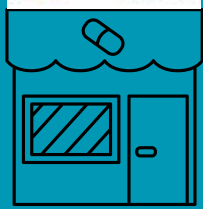
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BACA to sponsor trip to Toledo to see Tiffany windows

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is planning an excursion to the Toledo First

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announces four award winners

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announced four award winners at its annual meeting July 11.

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DeBucks to host two sessions for Turfgrass Producers International

Norm DeBuck of Van Buren Township said the Turfgrass Producers International convention at the MGM Grand in Detroit will next week, will bus attendees out to the DeBucks' New Lawn Sod Farm for an educational tour at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

That will be Farm Night for the convention, including an Exhibitor Show & Tell and dinner.

Wednesday, July 26, is Field Day and convention participants will be bused out to view farm equipment at the DeBuck sod farm. Then the participants will head back to Detroit for a Tiger game.

DeBuck said 600-800 people are expected to attend the convention and there hasn't been a convention in the Mid-West since the Columbus event in 2001. This is expected to rival that one, he said.

Congregational Church on Friday, Aug. 25, to see the Tiffany windows installed there.

This installation is reputed to be the last commissioned installation of ecclesiastical windows done by Tiffany. The tour will be led by a docent at the site.

The Arts Council is asking for a donation for the tour of \$15 per person, with \$10 of that a donation to the church and \$5 a donation to BACA.

Participants will meet at the Van Buren Township Hall at 9 a.m., leaving by 9:30 a.m., to car pool to the Toledo site. Payment must be in advance and paid on or before Aug. 20. The excursion is limited to 25 participants.

Necessary information for participation: Name, phone number, street address, and email contact. Indicate if you would be willing to drive three additional participants. Maps and phone numbers of

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These Tiffany windows were celebrated in a PBS special. Miller said after she saw the special, she called the church. The church welcomes the public to view and enjoy their treasured windows.

Because transportation is a problem (renting a bus is a prohibitive cost), those participating will have to car pool for the event, Miller said. BACA members and residents of the area are welcome to join in the event.

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Supt. Kudlak said these items in the plan are his goals and he will be evaluated on how they are completed.

"Pete is to report on the goals as they go along," Dr. Green said.

The board unanimously approved the Strategic Plan. Absent from the meeting were treasurer Simone Pinter and trustee Calvin Hawkins.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the school board:

- Approved the purchase of equipment for the Belleville High School cafeteria from Stafford Smith, Inc. for the amount of \$100,315. Installers are working on costs. This is from the fund balance of food services and the balance needs to be spent down. James Williams, director of plant operations, said he will have other contracts for approval in August. The first amount will pay for upgrades to be in place by the time school starts. The August contract will be for more upgrades to be put in over winter break. Upgrades

for McBride Middle School will be put in place next year during the middle school renovation, he said;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak explain how the free lunches will work once they start this school year. He said before school starts, the students will get an explanation of what's free and what they will have to pay for. They can't have both spaghetti and pizza, for example. He said there also will be signs put up. "They'll figure it out," Supt. Kudlak said, referring to the rules;

- Approved cancellation of the July 31 school board meeting because it was not needed. The next regular meeting will be Aug. 14;

- Accepted the resignations of teachers Sabrina Carlin from Rawsonville Elementary after two years of service as of Aug. 14 and Jessica Justice from McBride Middle School after two years of service as of Aug. 15;

- Approved hiring teachers Cheri Whitner for Rawsonville Elementary, Kathleen Hiner for Edgemont / Rawsonville elementaries, and Jarrett Rice for McBride Middle School, all as of Aug. 23;

- Approved termination of Antoinette Streater from Buildings & Grounds after less than a year of service as of June 22;



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Kenneth Farr of Boy Scout Troop #793, left, was present at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education with scout leader Martin Church, to explain to the board what he wanted to do as his Eagle Project. He said he had been a student at Rawsonville Elementary School and that's where he wanted to do his project. He plans to refix the flower boxes with cement bottoms because there had been a mole problem and to clear out the weeds to get it ready for the school to plant flowers. He will also paint 10'x10' spaces with games and add three more than are already there. School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he will provide a letter of support. Kenneth, a student at Belleville High School, is the son of Kevin and Sarah Farr of Van Buren Township.

- Approved hiring Deborah Mitchell as Belleville High School secretary as of Aug. 1;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak announce that four years ago when they were making cuts, they did not replace James Williams' administrative assistant, but now they are replacing the position and also hiring an accounts payable position;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak explain how the district needs a new phone system, since the one that is failing is 15 years old, and had a lifespan of 10 years. He said a new system

will cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000 and it will be brought for approval by IT Director Sean Garland at the Aug. 14 meeting;

- Heard president Pearce report that the BHS Marching Band's three new drum majors were sent to Ball State University for a week to train, sent by the band boosters. She said she will be at band camp Aug. 14-18 and on Aug. 18, when they return to town, the band will give a performance on the football field at 5 p.m. She said there are 187 marchers; and

- Heard trustee Dionne Falconer report that the football team's car wash starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Loranger's Chiropractic Clinic and the Black and Orange game, where team members scrimmage each other, is Aug. 12.

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BHS eSports team makes semi-finals, 1 earns scholarship

By Adam Howard
BHS ELA Department
& eSports Coach

When most people think about the word “sports,” images of hockey, football, baseball, and soccer likely jump to the forefront of their mind.

In addition to these traditional powerhouses, competitive gaming has quickly established itself alongside these sports.

With competitive video gaming rapidly growing in popularity, Van Buren Public Schools lept at the opportunity to develop its own state-of-the-art facility right inside of BHS.

With state-of-the-art gaming PCs and Nintendo Switch consoles ready for use, students flocked in droves to attend weekly video game club meetings for casual play and craved a chance to compete and show their talent on one of BHS’ inaugural eSports (electronic sports) teams for the 2022-23 school year.

By the end of 2022-23 eSports season, BHS set new standards in the eSports realm as its Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team qualified for the Michigan High School eSports League (MHSEL) Spring Final Four tournament held in Kalamazoo at Western Michigan University’s eSports Arena.

The team consisted of Braylon Watts, Justin Slusher, Ivan Ruffin, and Danard Harvard and was coached by Mark Darket and Adam Howard. The squad arrived with passion, ready to bring home a championship. Despite their valiant efforts, they were eliminated by eventual runner-up Bloomfield Hills High School in the semi-finals.

Congratulations to ALL of BHS’ eSports participants this year!

Before the dust could even settle after the conclusion of VBPS’ first adventure into eSports, more history was made. Senior Dylan Jaszcz became the first VBPS student to earn an eSports scholarship.

On May 25, Danielle Sirekis, head coach of eSports at Lawrence Tech, visited BHS to meet with Dylan for an official scholarship signing. With his family there to support him, Dylan signed himself into the VBPS history books and paved the way for future students to follow in his footsteps.

Dylan earned his scholarship for his

gameplay in Rocket League (RL), a 3v3 (three people on each team) soccer title with a twist: players attempt to score goals using RC cars! When asked how Rocket League and eSports in general compare to traditional sports, Dylan made it clear that there are more connections and similarities than one might think.

“In traditional soccer, for example, there are many rotations and ‘field’ placements players need to focus on to gain control of the play. Rocket League is no different,” Jaszcz said.

RL players need to communicate rotations as the ball moves around the digital arena while also predicting their opponents moves and rotations. In essence, understanding the ebbs and flows of the game of soccer could instantly improve any Rocket League squad with the right amount of practice and preparation.

While competition is the heart of eSports, it most importantly provides a sense of community for students that decided traditional sports, like football, are not their passion. In addition to this, eSports offers a variety of other opportunities outside of the competitive realm. In fact, many of these other programs and activities align with many gamers’ potential career pathways.

Essentially, gaming is evolving from a hobby into a career-space.

For example, Danielle Sirekis, Lawrence Tech’s head coach of eSports, said, “Lawrence

Tech offers many programs to students outside of the competitive gaming space. We are looking for students that are also good at graphic design, social media and marketing, animation, and content creation in general.”

As year one comes to a close, VBPS couldn’t be more proud of our players. A Top 4 placement at the MHSEL State Championships and Dylan Jaszcz’s district-first eSports scholarship capped off a tremendous entrance into the world of eSports.

While entering a new arena can always be daunting, every single student that logged into a match gave it their all, showcased their Tiger pride, and lived up to BHS’ mission: Purpose, Excellence, & Achievement!

It’s time to power down for the 2022/23 eSports season, but VBPS/BHS will be back this fall! Go Tigers!



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Sumpter board approves \$250,000 in ARPA funds for cemetery upgrades

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved obligating \$250,000 of its federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to upgrade Martinsville Cemetery on Willis Court.

This was at its regular meeting on July 11. Trustee Don LaPorte was absent and excused.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said he would like to know what the real costs are going to be to upgrade the cemetery.

Township Manager Anthony Burdick said the cost is from \$150,000 to \$180,000 and the \$250,000 figure is padding the number because of increased cost of everything. He said the board could reduce the amount obligated.

Manager Burdick said the state, which is managing the funds, is being aggressive with timelines for the use of ARPA funds.

Financial Manager Scott Holtz said if all the money allocated isn't spent, it can be moved to another project.

Burdick said it can be used on "anything

for the public good."

Supervisor Tim Bowman asked if it could be used for a security guard and Burdick replied that once the money stops, there would be no money for a security guard. This is for one-time spending.

Supervisor Bowman asked if it could be spent on parks and Holtz said it was the board's decision.

Burdick said the next project is parks and ARPA funds are for "quality of life" projects, not infrastructure per se.

Oddy said he was thinking of "quality of afterlife" at the cemetery for the families of those buried there. He said neighbors have chains across their driveways because they need safety.

Burdick said if a visitor to the cemetery finds the gates locked there is nowhere to turn around and they have to pull into private drives. He suggested the township could put in a cul-de-sac at the end.

He said the county thought Willis Court was a private road, but it's not.

Holtz said the township invested \$1 million in ARPA funds and if the \$250,000 is spent, there is more for other projects.

The board also discussed possibly hiring another full-time DPW worker to be assigned to maintenance of parks and the cemetery. It was suggested the fairgrounds could be added to that list. More information is being gathered.

In other business at the July 11 workshop and meeting, the board:

- Heard Burdick suggest that the board might want to prohibit swimming in Sherwood Pond because of the cost of testing the water and, "We want a healthy environment." He said non-motorized boats and kayaks could continue to use the pond. Oddy said there is a liability for the township from people who could drown there because there is no lifeguard, and then there might be something in the water. "Let's not wait until something happens," Oddy said. No action was taken;

- Heard Burdick report that they are looking into relocating the recycling bins closer to township hall so residents could use it 24/7 and are waiting for a report from the provider. They are looking at several options, he said;

- Approved allowing Brian Messer to display fireworks on July 22 at 41005 Judd Rd. He told the board that two years ago he did a similar event. He said they have a pond and he will be in touch with Fire Chief Brown on using that water as emergency fire-fighting source in case of a fire. He said the event is for families, friends, neighbors, and board members were invited. He said there will be food, live music, and no parking on Judd Road;

- Approved removing the remaining township-owned parcels from market listings for consideration;

- Removed before the meeting an item that was on the original board agenda: Consider approval to discuss, in open session, the grievances provided by AFSCME to Sumpter Township on behalf of employee Acheenia Hall;

- Voted unanimously to receive and file without comment monthly reports from the supervisor, attorney, police/ordinance, building, and fire departments; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider an update in negotiations of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters local contract.

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Che Matteo Varisto, 44, of Inkster, waived his preliminary examination set for May 11 and 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley bound him over to circuit court for a May 25 arraignment on the information. His calendar conference then was set for June 10. His final conference was scheduled for July 29 and then a jury trial for Oct. 11 before Judge Mark Slavens. On Oct. 7 he pled guilty to operating while intoxicated 2nd offense on Jan. 29 in Van Buren Township. A second charged of operating while intoxicated was dismissed. He was referred to probation for a pre-sentence report. Sentencing was Nov. 4, continued to Dec. 2. Judge Slavens sentenced him to four months in the Wayne County Jail with credit for three days served and a total fine of \$2,458.

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• **Saturday, July 22** – Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation presents Family Fun Day from noon to 4 p.m. at Banotai Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and water will be available. Bring your own sports equipment. Fishing for children. The largest fish wins a prize. Horseshoes for those 16 and older. Volleyball. Swim at your own risk, water has not been tested.

• **Monday, July 24** – Belleville Farmers Market at Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Monday, July 24** – Egan’s Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• **Wednesday, July 26** – Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center. Contact redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS or Maryann Watson, (734) 461-9373.

• **Wednesday, July 26** – “Toppermost” presents an outdoor concert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Quirk Park as part of Van Buren Township’s Summer Concert Series. Frios Gourmet Popsicle truck will be present.

• **Thursday, July 27** – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by “Greg Jaqua is Detroit Elvis.” In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• **Friday, July 28** – Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. at LifePointe Church, 45170 Hull Rd., sponsored by the Belleville Fire Department and Auxiliary. To make an appointment go to www.redcross.org/give-blood (sponsor code: BellevilleFire) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

• **Friday, July 28** – Tacos & Margaritas from 5 to 7 p.m. (or until they run out) at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. (734) 941-3030

• **Monday, July 31** – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by

Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Monday, July 31** – Egan’s Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• **Thursday, Aug. 3** – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by “The Smoke Jones Detroit Band.” In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• **Saturday, Aug. 5** – “Collie Day in the Park,” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville. Hosted by Greater Brighton Collie Club and Tri-County Collie Rescue. All welcome. Information: (248) 408-0238



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Court Watching:**Grooms again bound over to circuit court for domestic violence**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Carleen Thomas Grooms, 39, of Van Buren Township was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Jan. 15, 2021 in Van Buren Township. His live preliminary exam was set for Feb. 11, 2021

and he was free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Before his exam on Feb. 11, 2021 it was announced the parties had reached an agreement. Grooms pled guilty to domestic violence and the other charge was dismissed, along with dropping a "habitual notice." He will be on one year of probation with no assaultive contact with the complaining victim (a female he was dating), plus substance abuse evaluation with treatment, if necessary, and batterer's counseling.

His appointed defense attorney Andrew Sullivan asked 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin to consider waiving fines and

costs because his client is "indigent and not working." Judge Martin did not waive the fees and costs completely and said there will be fees with the battering counseling.

On March 23, 2021 a virtual probable cause conference was held on six new charges against Grooms that allegedly occurred on Feb. 24, 2021 in Van Buren Township. He is charged with unlawful driving away of auto, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 or more, operating while intoxicated, domestic violence – second offense notice, and open alcohol container in vehicle.

Personal bond of \$25,000 had been set at his arraignment.

His probable cause conference was set for March 9, 2021 where he appeared by video from the Elmhurst Homes treatment center. The probable cause conference was adjourned until March 23. On March 23, Grooms was in a treatment facility in East Tawas and Judge Oakley set a probable cause conference on the new charges for May 4, 2021.

On May 4, 2021 a preliminary exam was set for June 14 with the possibility of a deal coming because of his treatment. He is possibly transitioning to a half-way house.

On June 14, 2021 he waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on June 28. Then a calendar conference was set for July 28 and a pretrial for Aug. 8.

On Aug. 8, 2021 he pled guilty to driving with a high blood alcohol content and also pled to a reduced misdemeanor charge of domestic violence and the other four charges were dismissed. He was sentenced to probation.

Grooms then was scheduled for a May 13, 2022 show-cause hearing on charges of felonious assault and domestic violence on Jan. 15, 2022 in Van Buren Township. He had failed to provide documentation of a substance abuse evaluation, failed to provide documentation of 26-week batterer's counseling, and failed to maintain his payment plan (owes \$1,125).

He had pled guilty to domestic violence on Feb. 11, 2022 and the assault charge was dismissed on a motion of the prosecuting attorney. His fine was \$1,125 and a payment plan was set up.

He failed to appear on May 13, 2022

and so a warrant was put out for his arrest and entered into LEIN. On June 14, 2022 his attorney explained Grooms was in Elmhurst Home Rehab in May so the warrant was recalled and his show-cause hearing set for July 26, 2022.

His exam was waived on June 14, 2022 and he was scheduled for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on June 28, 2022. On Aug. 8 he pled guilty to operating with a high blood alcohol content and domestic violence, which were reduced to misdemeanors, and the other charges were dismissed. He was sentenced to probation.

On May 24, 2023 Grooms again was in custody before Judge Oakley for his probable cause conference on charges of domestic violence-third offense notice and larceny in a building on May 15, 2023 in Van Buren Township. Bond was \$5,000/10% and he is not to reenter an address in Parkwood Apartments or contact the victim. His preliminary exam was set for June 28 and then he waived his exam.

His arraignment on the information at Wayne County Circuit Court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice was set for July 10, 2023. A calendar conference is July 21. He is in custody and is not to be released without a GPS tether for location only.

Derrick Wayne Houchlei

Derrick Wayne Houchlei, 43, of Napoleon, MI, was arraigned May 12, 2022 on charges of home invasion first degree, unarmed robbery, and aggravated assault on June 24, 2021 in Van Buren Township. His bond was set at \$10,000/10%.

A warrant was entered into LEIN on July 26, 2021 and a nationwide extradition was set. The warrant was canceled on May 11, 2022 and he was arraigned the next day. His probable cause conference was set for May 25, 2022 but he did not appear. He had paid \$1,000 for his \$10,000/10% bond and that was forfeited. A new warrant was signed and entered into LEIN. His bond stipulated he was not to enter an address on Holly Lane or contact the complaining victim.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 at 10 am, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2011 Ford, Taurus, VIN: 1FAHP2EW0BG121604

2003 Honda, Pilot, VIN: 2HKYF187X3H507553

2012 Lincoln, MKS, VIN: 1LNHL9FT0CG800952

DATE: July 17, 2023

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**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
CITY CLERK**



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Kristin Faull
Acting Police Chief

Posted: July 20, 2023

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Thursday, July 27th, 2023 at 11:00 am, at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2005 Buick, Rendezvous, VIN: 3G5DB03EX5S564989

DATE: July 17, 2023

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**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
CITY CLERK**

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 277 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, July 9:

0007 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0202 – intrusion alarm, Bramblewood Ct.
0704 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0758 – intrusion alarm, Forestdale Dr.
0902 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
0948 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
1101 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1347 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
1519 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1542 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1606 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1625 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1810 – civil matter, Michigan Ave.
1903 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
1922 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2004 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2233 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2301 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2330 – assist citizen, Country Walk Blvd.
2346 – 911 welfare check, Pine Dr.

Monday, July 10:

0028 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
0127 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood
0142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
0146 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodwall Ct.
0157 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
0243 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0350 – missing person, Robson Rd.
0354 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0810 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0832 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0838 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
0912 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0931 – vehicle lockout, N. Cumberland Dr.
0946 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
0950 – animal complaint, Laguna Dr.
1024 – assist citizen, Hull Rd.
1044 – missing person, Quirk Rd.

1200 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Congress St.
1328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mitchell Dr.
1449 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1514 – animal complaint, Outer Dr.
1616 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1624 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
1638 – trespassing, Bellepoint
1741 – disorderly, Martinsville Rd.
1804 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

1831 – property damage accident, Fairbanks St.
1855 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sandlewood Dr.
2046 – fraud, Dartmoor Cir.
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
2153 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
2305 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, July 11:

0115 – repossession, N. Cumberland Dr.
0132 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0251 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.
0311 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0649 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0739 – welfare check, WB I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0805 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
0810 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0824 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
0826 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
0850 – abandoned auto, Dellor St.
0926 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1018 – misc. complaint, Bentley Dr.
1035 – prisoner transport, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1048 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
1120 – private property/property damage accident,

Village Green Ln.
1158 – private property/property damage accident, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1531 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Lakeview Ct.
1612 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.
1629 – warrant arrest, Norwich
1644 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor
1645 – welfare check, Kennedy Ct.
1700 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
1730 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1757 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1808 – family trouble, Kennedy Ct.
1817 – warrant arrest, Norwich
1959 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2031 – welfare check, Riggs Rd.
2136 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
2358 – suicidal person, Rawsonville Rd.

Wednesday, July 12:

0130 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
0219 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0256 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0354 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0610 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Purple Sage Ct.
0752 – parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0846 – civil matter, Jeremy Rd.
0853 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0855 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0914 – assist other dept., E. Main St.
0917 – larceny from auto, Purple Sage Ct.
0925 – domestic, Jeremy Rd.
0950 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1012 – threat, Locust Dr.
1124 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1133 – animal complaint, Sugarbush Ln.
1259 – larceny from auto, Purple Sage Ct.
1335 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
1447 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1522 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1525 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1610 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
1631 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1636 – assist fire dept., Alden Ave.
1730 – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.
1805 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1913 – suicidal person, McKinley St.
1943 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2014 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
2115 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
2257 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.

Thursday, July 13:

0015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0158 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0335 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0638 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd.
0737 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0939 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1147 – fraud, Hoeft Rd.
1246 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1302 – breaking & entering, Lake Crest Dr.
1349 – follow up by officer, Alden Ave.
1354 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1537 – misc. complaint, Brookside Dr.
1714 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
1854 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1925 – assist fire dept., N. Woodbury Dr.
1952 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
2007 – trespassing, Marina Dr.
2053 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2201 – traffic offense, Arthur St.
2228 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2309 – 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.
2346 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Friday, July 14:

0253 – repossession, Milton Dr.
0312 – animal complaint, Park Estates Dr.
0409 – repossession, Ivy Dr.
0447 – repossession, Morton Taylor Rd.
0745 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0819 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0859 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1229 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Bellridge Dr.
1329 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

1443 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1545 – larceny from auto, Michigan Ave.
1613 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1619 – larceny from auto, Michigan Ave.
1729 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1823 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1911 – shooting, Hull Rd.
1922 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.
2007 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2035 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2156 – assist citizen, Edison Lk.
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beck Rd.

Saturday, July 15:

0046 – assist other dept., Westlake Cir.
0109 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Landmark / America
0315 – fireworks, Hull Rd.
0328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
0457 – threat, Westlake Cir.
0759 – larceny, Arthur St.
0920 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.
0948 – welfare check, Ayres Ave.
1023 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1031 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1245 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1319 – welfare check, Barnwell Dr./Country Walk
1341 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1418 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1531 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1535 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1544 – private property/property damage accident, S. Woodbury Dr.
1547 – assist fire dept., Quirk Rd.
1635 – assist fire dept., Sawgrass Ct.
1640 – PPO violation, Westlake Cir.
1744 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1915 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1924 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Oak Blvd.
1943 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2022 – assist other dept., Ecorse/I-275
2038 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2048 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2050 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2110 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
2155 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2201 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2215 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
2304 – vehicle lockout, Wildrye Ct.
2336 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.
2345 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl. / E. Cherry
Also on this week's log are 82 traffic stops, 17 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 9:

0205 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1429 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1851 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1936 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2106 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

Monday, July 10:

0604 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0759 – found property/child, Bedell St. / E. Huron River Dr.
0836 – misc. complaint, Robbe St.
0910 – misc. complaint, Robbe St.
0918 – larceny, Robbe St.
1138 – larceny, Robbe St.
1339 – welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1533 – trespassing, E. Huron River Dr.
1652 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1949 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.
1959 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2020 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
2148 – follow-up by officer, Bedell St.

Tuesday, July 11:

0119 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
0151 – suicidal person, High St.
0321 – follow-up by officer, High St.
0926 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.
1143 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1145 – misc. complaint, High St.
1324 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1555 – threat, Main St.
1953 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
2256 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.

Wednesday, July 12:

0912 – threat, Main St.
1048 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1204 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR Codes, Victorian Ln.
1208 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR Codes, Victorian Ln.
1224 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR Codes, E. Waterbury Ct.
1605 – found property/child, E. Columbia Ave.
1955 – neighbor trouble, Bedell St.
2102 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
2123 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs

Thursday, July 13:

0321 – noise complaint, Bedell St.
0358 – disorderly, Bedell St.
1335 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Biggs Ave./Potter Dr.
1523 – found property/child, E. Columbia Ave.
1653 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1726 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
2020 – property damage accident, South St.
2039 – assist fire dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
2113 – property damage accident, Roys St.
2144 – assault & battery, Breakwater Dr.

Friday, July 14:

1341 – property damage accident, Fourth St.
1727 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1823 – assist other dept., Savage Rd.
1854 – abandoned auto, Main St.
2012 – follow up by officer, Bedell St.
2222 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.

Saturday, July 15:

0814 – traffic stop, Main St.
0834 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1318 – traffic stop, Main St.
1344 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1415 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1447 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1554 – property damage accident, Potter Dr.
1821 – welfare check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1846 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
1930 – civil matter, Clarence St.
2054 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
There were 19 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 9:

0113 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.
0240 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
0759 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0926 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
0948 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1059 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1130 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1555 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis
1627 – property damage report, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1827 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
1917 – suspicious vehicle, Magnolia Dr.
1946 – 911 hang up, Willis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
2144 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2150 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.

Monday, July 10:

0457 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0513 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
0832 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0912 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0945 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0950 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1215 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
1232 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1416 – welfare check, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1632 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1853 – family trouble, Wayside Dr.
2002 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.
2314 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Tuesday, July 11:
0732 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1035 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1216 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1503 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1905 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1909 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1942 – fire dept. assist, Kozma Rd./Wilmot Rd.
2120 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willis
2231 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.

Wednesday, July 12:
0801 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0938 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Bemis
1059 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1105 – 911 hang up, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1210 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1250 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1253 – 911 hang up, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1312 – 911 hang up, Magnolia Dr.
1331 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1553 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1606 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1609 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1704 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2153 – welfare check, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2328 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2342 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Judd

Thursday, July 13:
0508 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
0902 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Sully
1022 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.
1109 – suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1126 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1155 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1232 – family trouble, Nevada St.
1315 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware St.
1427 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1456 – assist other agency, Indiana St.
1540 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1836 – fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1854 – follow-up investigation, Delaware St.
2021 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
2323 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.

Friday, July 14:
0254 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0905 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.
0920 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Dr.
0926 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.
1027 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona
1055 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.
1104 – 911 hang up, Elwell Rd./Willow Rd.
1242 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.
1333 – motorist assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1357 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1536 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1609 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1635 – traffic complaint/hazard, 25000 bl. Karr
1825 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1949 – felony warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Willis
2253 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2346 – citizen assist, Colorado St.

Saturday, July 15:
0104 – shots fired, Rustic Ln.
0129 – family trouble, Oregon St.
0749 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
0910 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1202 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1323 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1359 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1508 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1516 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1613 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
2003 – found property, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2105 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Martinsville
2210 – shots fired, Rustic Ln.
2216 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
2245 – fire dept. assist, Iowa St.
2323 – felony warrant arrest, Willis Rd./Elwell Rd.
0000 – 911 hang up, Utah Ct.

Also on this week's log are 124 patrol checks, 87 traffic stops, and 17 misc. details.

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Congratulations to all the 2023 Belleville Chamber of Commerce Member and Appreciation Award winners at an event held July 11 at the BYC. The Large Business of the Year went to Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group, Small Business of the Year went to Milton's Pharmacy, Ted Kuckelman Award went to Dr. Brian Loranger, and the Leon Van Buhler Award went to Therese Antonelli.

The Belleville High School Football Team will be holding a car wash fundraiser this Saturday, July 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Loranger Family Chiropractic Center on West Columbia Avenue, across from A & W restaurant. A \$10 donation is suggested. Proceeds will go to providing meals to the players during the football season which starts next month. The Tigers are the current Division 1 Champions and won back-to-back state titles.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside concert series at Horizon Park continues this Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m. with Larry Lee & The Back in the Day Band. The free concerts are held rain or shine and will move into the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street in case of bad weather. Next week, "Greg Jaqua is Elvis" will perform. Food trucks will also be there.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 19109 Craig St. in New Boston will be holding a Vacation Bible School Aug. 9-11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each day. "God's Living Water - Covered in Jesus' Grace" is the theme that will include Bible stories, crafts, games, sing & dance, snacks, and a pizza party on the last day. Call (734) 753-9048.

Do you have business-related information you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.

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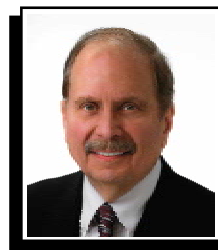
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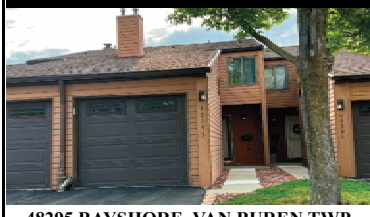
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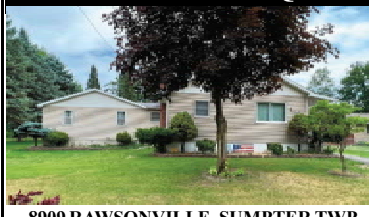


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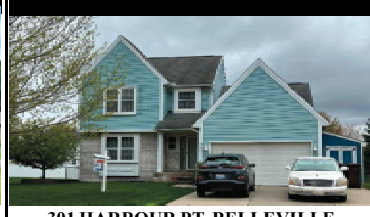
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